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C. Paton

Very dear & much respected friend

Contrary to my expectation we have been enabled to send off our contributions at the time you wished, it was an effort, but the thought that it would benefit the cause more to have them earlier overruled other considerations and so with willing hearts & hands all went to work - and when it was found that we could accomplish it we were right glad, we have now only to wish they may reach you in safety & do good service to the cause, be assured that it gives us much pleasure to forward these annual contributions we have only one regret - that our abilities to aid you are not equal to our wishes - we have still to contend with apathy and clerical influence however we can truly say that it has done our own hearts good, you and the other dear friends in America are always brought near to us at this season our spirits mingle in

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Sympathy

We rejoice in your success and wish to unite in every effort with you for the relief of the downtrodden & oppressed we have sent a few copies of our annual report which I think you will read with interest. I am not certain but we may send another box by the steamer of the 4th Dec. as we have still some work unfinished when at leisure we will feel obliged if you can suggest any thing to guide us for next years work. and believe

Me always yours truly

Catherine Paton

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Maria W. Chapman